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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED JANUARY 14, 1978 SENT BANGKOK, CANBERRA, JAKARTA, KINSHASA, KUALA LUMPUR, LA PAZ, LAGOS INFO LONDON, BONN, TOKYO IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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